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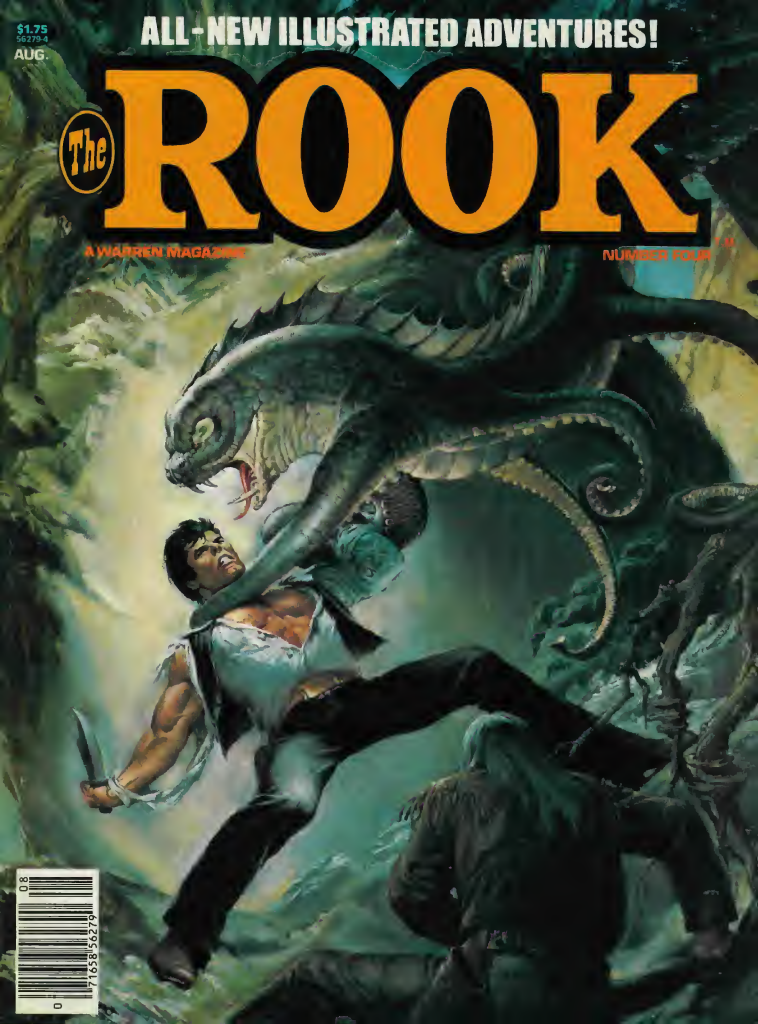

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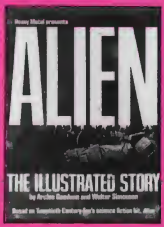

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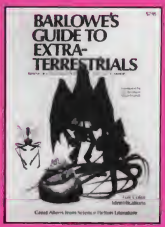

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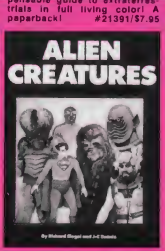

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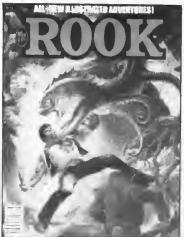

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The mysterious ship kissed the surface of the jewel-like planet. Then, for the first time in history the Earth tasted the withering wrath of a mushroom shaped explosion. A nuclear holocaust so incredibly powerful, that waves rippled down the time spectrum to awaken the master of time from a restless slumber! Something alien, powerful and unknown was at work in the past!

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1935...the world was at war! Hollywood, however, was as serene as ever! Above her cinematic battlefields flew the strangest and most adventurous breed of pilots known. They would fly any stunt for money, a dare, or for the sheer exhilaration of it! Jesse Bravo was taking on all comers as Nick Kardos, king of the west coast gangsters, tried to collect on his debts!

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Blood! Blood rich, dark and deep ran from the wounds of Voltar. Where was the honor in a death such as this? No warriors to hew in the thick of battle. No monsters to slay as they held entire cities at bay. There were only those encircling vines drawing tighter and tighter with every breath he took! Voltar, the savior of man, the victim of a plant?

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THE VAST ETHEREAN SHIP FAIRLY *FELL* TOWARDS THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE AT AN ENTERING VELOCITY OF OVER *FOUR THOUSAND* MILES PER HOUR!

AFTER SAFELY COMPLETING ENTRY, THE SHIP'S SPEED CUT ABRUPTLY BACK TO FIFTEEN HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR, AS IT DESPERATELY SEARCHED FOR AN UNINHABITED *LANDING SITE*. BUT *WITHIN* THE SHIP, FAR TOO MANY THINGS WERE FAR TOO *WRONG!*

OVERLOAD REACHED *CRITICAL* MASS WITHIN THE STAR-WROUGHT ENGINES. INTENSE INTERNAL HEAT *MELTED* THE FINAL FEW MILLIMETERS OF NUCLEAR INSULATION. CONDUCTION RODS TURNED TO *MOLTEN LIQUID*. IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE *FUSION* OCCURRED... AND A TERRIBLE *CHAIN REACTION* BEGAN.

Author: BUDD LEWIS/Illustrator: LEE ELIAS

MASTER OF THE WORLD

THE MYSTERIOUS SHIP *KISSED* THE SURFACE OF THE JEWEL-LIKE PLANET. AND *EARTH* TASTED ITS OWN *TERRIBLE FUTURE* IN A *MUSHROOM-SHAPED* EXPLOSION.

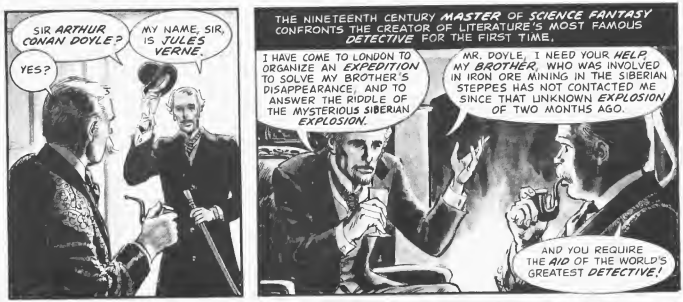
THE SOUND WAS *HEARD* AS FAR AWAY AS THE *BRITISH ISLES*, *FELT* AS FAR AWAY AS *SOUTH AMERICA*.

THE INCREDIBLE *SHOCK WAVE* CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE GLOBE *TWICE*...

...AND REACHED NINETY *YEARS* INTO THE *FUTURE*, RESOUNDING IN AN ECHOING SCREAM OF TERROR IN THE FEVERISH *NIGHTMARES* OF *RESTIN DANE*.

OH, GOD N-NOOOO! N-NOT AGAIN!

TWO MONTHS *AFTER* THE CATACLYSMIC BLAST, THE SHOCK WAVES WERE ALL BUT *FORGOTTEN.* FORGOTTEN, SAVE BY *ONE* ILLUSTRIOUS INDIVIDUAL IN *LONDON.* ENGLAND.


SIR *ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE?*
MY NAME, SIR, IS *JULES VERNE.*
YES?
THE NINETEENTH CENTURY *MASTER* OF *SCIENCE FANTASY* CONFRONTS THE CREATOR OF LITERATURE'S MOST FAMOUS *DETECTIVE* FOR THE FIRST TIME.
I HAVE COME TO LONDON TO ORGANIZE AN *EXPEDITION* TO SOLVE MY BROTHER'S DISAPPEARANCE, AND TO ANSWER THE RIDDLE OF THE MYSTERIOUS SIBERIAN *EXPLOSION.*
MR. DOYLE, I NEED YOUR *HELP.* MY *BROTHER,* WHO WAS INVOLVED IN IRON ORE MINING IN THE SIBERIAN STEPPES HAS NOT CONTACTED ME SINCE THAT UNKNOWN *EXPLOSION* OF TWO MONTHS AGO.
AND YOU REQUIRE THE *AID* OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST *DETECTIVE!*

PRECISELY, SIR! WHICH IS WHY I'VE COME TO YOU. *YOU* ARE *SHERLOCK HOLMES!*
FREEZING WIND AND ICY SNOW PELT THE EXPEDITION *MERCILESSLY!* ALMOST TWO WEEKS AFTER THEIR FIRST MEETING, THE INTERNATIONALLY REKNOWN AUTHORS FIND THEMSELVES TRUDGING THE NARROW STEPPES OF THE RUGGED *SIBERIAN MOUNTAINS!*

YET THE TWO NINETEENTH CENTURY MASTERS OF FICTION SEEM *OBLIVIOUS* TO THE ELEMENTS, SO IMMERSED ARE THEY IN THE GREAT *MYSTERY* OF SIBERIA.
EVERY GREAT OBSERVATORY IN THE WORLD, I EXPECT, *MEASURED* THE SIBERIAN EXPLOSION
NONETHELESS, IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN A *METEOR,* MY DEAR VERNE! OF *IMMENSE* PROPORTIONS!
SUDDENLY, THE REVERIE OF INTENT CONVERSATION IS *SHATTERED* BY A PIERCING *SCREAM!*
MEESTAIR PHAIRN! *COSSACK!!* *WAR!!*

FROM THEIR LOFTY AERIE, THE NOVELISTS VIEW A SWEEPING PANORAMA OF THE VAST VALLEY BELOW! AND AMIDST THE MAJESTIC SPLENDOR, SEE TWO OPPOSING *ARMIES*... TINY BLACK *INSECTS* IN THE CREATOR'S COSMIC PLAN... MERCILESSLY AND COLD-HEARTEDLY *SLAYING* ONE ANOTHER WITH THE MOST PRIMITIVE OF BLOOD-SPILLING WEAPONRY.

THE *BLOODSPORT* OF *MANKIND!* IT RAGES THE WORLD OVER! EVEN *HERE* AT THE EDGE OF CIVILIZATION!

THIS *SLAUGHTER* IS NO *CONCERN* OF *OURS,* DOYLE. WE COULD NO MORE *END* IT THAN COULD WE HALT THIS BLIZZARD!

COME! THE MINE WHERE MY BROTHER *DISAPPEARED* IS ONLY A HALF DAY'S RIDE FROM HERE!

BUT *AGAIN,* THE THICK, SNOW-LADEN AIR IS SLICED BY A SHRILL *WARNING.*

AIIEEE! MASTAHHH! AIIEEE!

WHAT *IS* THAT *LACKEY* GOING ON ABOUT *NOW?*

OH MY GOD, DOYLE! *LOOK!*

AND IN THE VALLEY, THE WARRING COSSACK AND MONGOL HORDES, TOO, FREEZE IN *FEAR* AS THUNDER RUMBLES ACROSS THE HEAVENS, AND AN OMINOUS *SHADOW* SWOOPS OVER THE DENSELY-PACKED SNOW...!

AIEEEEE!

AND THE NIGHT SKY GLOWS A HELLISH RED AS *FLAMES* LEAP FROM THE MAW OF A NIGHT-MARISH DEMON-SPAWNED *BEHE-MOTH!*

GRAB YOUR RIFLE, VERNE! WE'VE GOT TO BRING THAT MONSTER DOWN!
ARTHUR! DON'T SHOOT, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD! IT MIGHT COME STRAIGHT FOR US IF WOUNDED!
IF YOU HAD A BETTER EYE, VERNE, YOU MIGHT SEE THAT THAT'S NO BEAST AT ALL! IT'S A BLOODY WARSHIP!
BAM!
IT'S...IT'S TRUE! IT'S AN ARMOR-PLATED FLYING MACHINE! GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT ASTOUNDING GENIUS!
DOYLE... NOOOO! IT'S COMING FOR YOU! RUN!!
LOOK, VERNE! IT HAS A WEAK SPOT! GLASS PORTHOLES! IF I CAN ONLY GET OFF ANOTHER ROUND!

THE KILLER MACHINE SWOOPS FROM THE SKY, AND VERNE, FEELING IT'S HOT, THRUMMING ENGINES ALMOST UPON HIM, CASTS A QUICK GLANCE BEHIND TO SEE LOOMING IMMINENT DEATH. IT IS IN THAT FRACTION OF A SECOND THAT HIS FOOT SKIDS ACROSS AN ICE-ENCRUSTED ROCK, AND... HE IS SENT HURTLING OFF-BALANCE...!
D-DOYLE...!
JULES! OH MY GOD!
ARTHUR! STOP! RUN, MAN! S-SAVE YOURSELF!
POWW! BAM!
IN A PIG'S ASS, I WILL! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!
THE ELDER AUTHOR STRAINS WITH ALL OF HIS MIGHT. DRIVEN BY SHEER TERROR-LACED PANIC, HE PULLS THE YOUNGER MAN TO HIS SIDE WITH AN ALMOST SUPER-HUMAN EFFORT! BUT THEN, JUST AS THEY ARE CERTAIN THAT SAFETY IS WITHIN THEIR GRASP, THE HEAVENS EXPLODE WITH BLIND, INCARNATE FURY!
MORE THAN EIGHT DECADES LATER, THE ULTIMATE FATES OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE AND JULES VERNE COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE TROUBLE LADEN MIND OF RESTIN DANE... MASTER OF TIME!
MASTER DANE? WILL YOU TAKE SOME SUPPER?
ER ...SIR?
AW, LET 'IM BROOD, TIN MAN! THAT TOMFOOL GRANDSON A' MINE HAS BEEN MOODY AS A MISSISSIPPI MUDHEN ALL DAY!

BUT... BUT THE MASTER HASN'T EATEN FOR DAYS, SIR! HE'S APPEARED TROUBLED EVER SINCE YOU BOTH RETURNED FROM THE FUTURE AND REBUILT ME! *
AW, HE'S JUST SULKIN' CAUSE HE COULDN'T STAY IN THE FUTURE WITH MY GRANDSON ADAM, FROLIC WITH ALL THEM PERT LITTLE ELOI GALS AND BECOME TH' NEW FATHER A' HUMAN KIND!
* SEE LAST ISSUE'S "THE ORIGINAL MASTER OF TIME!"

KASHH!!
HELLFAR, BOY! I WUZ JES' A'FUNNIN'!

SHEEEEE! SOME PEOPLE ARE SO TOUCHY!
I BELIEVE THE MASTER'S ON EDGE BECAUSE OF THE NIGHTMARES HE'S BEEN HAVING, SIR. IF WE COULD JUST ARRANGE FOR A BIT OF EXCITEMENT... TO CLEAR HIS HEAD, AS IT WERE!

MAYBE WE COULD GET HIM OUT TO A MOVIE TONIGHT. SOMETHING BLOODY, SEXY AND DISGUSTING.
I HAROLY THINK SO, SIR. PERHAPS SOMETHING WITH A LITTLE MORE EDUCATIONAL VALUE WOULD BE MORE APPEALING.
SOMETHING FROM THE VIDEO LIBRARY... LIKE "BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID!"

HELLFIRE, BOY! THAT MOVIE'S FULLA LIES! WHY, THE SCROUNGER WHAT WROTE THAT FILM STOLE HALF OF WHAT HAPPENED FROM OTHER OUTLAWS WHAT REALLY DID ALL THAT STUFF!

REMEMBER THAT PART'A THE MOVIE WHEN BUTCH TRIED TO BLOW UP THE SAFE AND BLEW THE MONEY SKY HIGH? THAT NEVER HAPPENED TO CASSIDY. IT HAPPENED TO ANOTHER FELLA!
TRULY, SIR?

HIS NAME WAS AL JENNINGS AND HE WAS THE CLUMSIEST, MOST ACCIDENT PRONE VARMINT WHAT EVER ALMOST ROBBED A TRAIN!
LOOK 'IM UP IN YER HISTORY BOOKS! OL' AL HE DONE ROBBED DOZENS OF TRAINS... USED UP TONS OF DYNAMITE! AND HE NEVER GOT AWAY WITH A SINGLE PENNY!

WHY, *AL JENNINGS* WAS THE *WORST* EXCUSE FOR AN OUTLAW THERE EVER *WUZ!* HE NEVER *SHOT* A MAN! HE NEVER *HARMED* A SINGLE *SOUL!*

BUT THE TRAIN COMPANIES GOT MIGHTY *TIRED* OF HIM BLOWIN' UP THEIR *TRACKS* AND *CARS* AND *SAFES!* THEY PAID PINKERTON'S *AGENTS* A WHOLE BUNDLE TO *TRAP* HIM WITH A SPECIAL RAILROAD CAR *FILLED* WITH AGENTS!

BUT PINKERTON *NEVER GOT* HIM! *NOSIREE...!*

WHICH ALL GIVES *ME* AN IDEA, BOY!

I KNOWS THE *PERFECT* WAY T'GET OUR SULKIN' MOONCALF OUTTA HIS DOLDRUMS...! HE'S GONNA GO ON A *MISSION!*

B-BUT, MASTER BISHOP, SIR... I DON'T THINK--!

THAT'S JES' THE *TROUBLE,* USELESS! *YOU DON'T THINK!* NOW *MOVE* THEM SPINDLY TIN LEGS!

FOR LONG MOMENTS THERE IS *SILENCE* IN STATELY *ROOK* MANOR... SILENCE IN WHICH A TROUBLED, TORMENTED MIND CAN *THINK.* THEN, *SUDDENLY,* THAT SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY A BLARING *ALARM!*

REEEEEEE!

THAT *ALARM!* IT'S COMING FROM THE HIDDEN *CAVERN* BENEATH THE CASTLE!

BUT *NO ONE* KNOWS ABOUT *THAT...* EXCEPT *BISHOP* AND *MANNERS!*

GOOD GOD! THEY MUST BE IN *TROUBLE!*

COME ON, DAMN IT! LET'S GET SOME SPEED OUT OF THIS THING!
GAHH! IT'S PROBABLY A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH, AND I'M ON A SLOW ELEVATOR TO CHINA!

HOWDY, GRANDSON! WHAT KEPT YOU?
BISHOP! MANNERS! WHERE'S THE EMERGENCY?

EMERGENC--!? OH YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT! TIME'S A' WASTIN', BOY! THE CASTLER'S ALREAD'S LOCKED ONTO THE TIME SEGMENT WHERE YER NEEDED!
YOUR GUNS, SIR. AND OVERNIGHT BAG! DO HAVE A SAFE, PLEASANT TRIP!
WHOA! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHERE AM I GOING!

WE JUST PICKED UP A DISTRESS CALL, BOY! THE PINKERTONS NEED HELP! SEEMS TH' MOST NOTORIOUS TRAIN BLOWER UPPER IN TH' WHOLE WEST IS GIVING EM' A HARD TIME!

NOW QUIT STRUGGLIN' AND HAUL TAIL, SON! AN' BE CAREFUL! THAT SIDEWINDIN' PREVARICATOR'S DEADLIER THAN A BELLYFULL'A REFRIED BEANS!
KANG
WHAT PREVARICATOR? WHO AM I GOING AFTER?

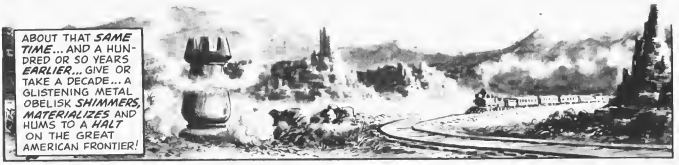
WELL I'LL BE! I PLUM FERGOT T' TELL HIM WHO T' CATCH!
AH WELL...! 'TAIN'T NOTHIN' LIKE A WILD GOOSE TO CHEER A MOODY GANDER!

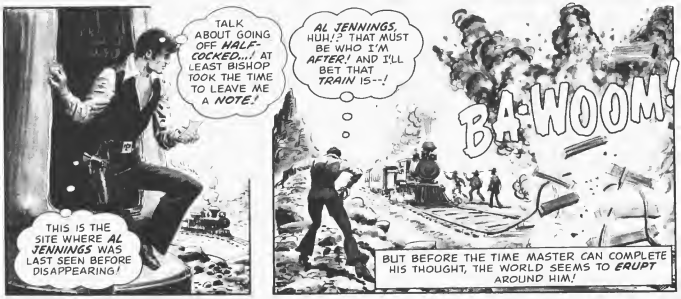
AS THE MASTER OF TIME DISAPPEARS INTO THE PAST, ANOTHER ALARM SUDDENLY REVERBERATES THROUGHOUT THE HIDDEN CAVERN!
REEEE!
REEEE!
REEE!
WHAT TH' JUMPIN' JUJUBEES IS THAT, TIN MAN?

IT IS, SIR, ONE OF THE ALIEN DEVICES MASTER RESTIN DISCOVERED WITHIN THIS CAVERN A CENTURY AGO!

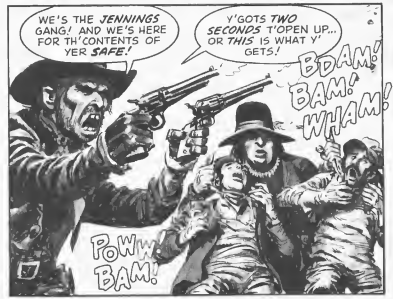
WELL WHAT'S IT DO, BOY? AN' WHY'S IT SCREAMIN' AT US LIKE THAT?
I'M AFRAID SIR, THAT THAT INFORMATION IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS WHO CREATED IT!
REEEE!

I WOULD DARE TO VENTURE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALIEN MASTERS ARE TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH US!


ABOUT THAT SAME TIME... AND A HUNDRED OR SO YEARS EARLIER... GIVE OR TAKE A DECADE... A GLISTENING METAL OBELISK SHIMMERS, MATERIALIZES AND HUMS TO A HALT ON THE GREAT AMERICAN FRONTIER!


TALK ABOUT GOING OFF HALF-COCKED...! AT LEAST BISHOP TOOK THE TIME TO LEAVE ME A NOTE!
THIS IS THE SITE WHERE AL JENNINGS WAS LAST SEEN BEFORE DISAPPEARING!
AL JENNINGS, HUH!? THAT MUST BE WHO I'M AFTER! AND I'LL BET THAT TRAIN IS--!
BA-WOOM!
BUT BEFORE THE TIME MASTER CAN COMPLETE HIS THOUGHT, THE WORLD SEEMS TO ERUPT AROUND HIM!

AWRIGHT, YOU LOW-LIFE, CITY-SLICKIN' VARMINTS! GITCHER STANKIN' HEADS BACK INTA THAT TRAIN 'FORE I BLOW 'EM OFF! THIS HERE'S A STICKUP!
UGHN! YOU BETCHUM, RATTY!
BEAR FAT! GIT THEM ENGINEERS DOWN T'THE MAIL CAR AND MAKE 'EM OPEN IT UP!
BDOW!
BOW!
KRAK!
KCHOW!
BAM!


WE'S THE JENNINGS GANG! AND WE'S HERE FOR TH'CONTENTS OF YER SAFE!
Y'GOTS TWO SECONDS T'OPEN UP... OR THIS IS WHAT Y' GETS!
BDAM!
BAM!
WHAM!
POW!
BAM!

U. S. MAIL
DON'T SHOOT, MISTER! WE'RE COMING OUT!
HAHA! I THOUGHT Y' MIGHT!

A HEAVY METAL BOLT SNAPS AWAY FROM ITS CRADLE. THE THICK DOOR SLIDES SLOWLY ALONG ITS TROLLEY... AND IS SUDDENLY THROWN BACK, REVEALING A SMALL ARMY OF WELL-DRESSED LAWMEN... EACH BEHIND THE BARREL OF AN ANGRY, BLAZING GUN!
BDAM!
U.S. MAIL
KA-POW!
BAM! CHOW!
POW! BDOO!
KA-POW!
SKOW! WIM!
POW!
WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOU, JENNINGS!
SPAM! WIM!

IT'S ALL OVER, BOYS! WE GOT 'EM!
MY GOD...! DEAR GOD!

SOMEBODY WANT TO GET THESE STIFFS SET UP?
IT WAS MURDER! I SAW IT ALL!
GET THAT PHOTOGRAPHER OVER HERE!

YOU MURDERED THESE MEN! YOU IDIOTS SLAUGHTERED TWO INNOCENT ENGINEERS!
LOOK, MISTER, IT AIN'T OUR WORRY! WE WERE HIRED TO GET THE JENNINGS GANG, AND WE GOT THEM! BESIDES, IT'S CHEAPER TO HIRE NEW ENGINEERS THAN TO KEEP REPLACING RAILROADS!

NOW MOVE ASIDE! WE'RE READY TO TAKE A PICTURE!

SUDDENLY I FEEL SICK! THESE GLORY HUNTERS DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT JENNINGS ISN'T AMONG THE DEAD MEN!
WITH ANIMALS LIKE THOSE PINKERTONS, I ALMOST HOPE JENNINGS DID GET AWAY!
NOT A PRETTY SIGHT, IS IT, FRIEND? EVEN FOR SO-CALLED OUTLAWS LIKE THE JENNINGS GANG!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS! LOAD THEM UP! LET'S MOVE 'EM OUT!
SO-CALLED?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? JENNINGS ISN'T AN OUTLAW! HE'S NEVER HARMED A SOUL!

THE STRANGER'S CRYPTIC COMMENT IS CUT SHORT BY THE WHIR OF METAL WHEELS SPINNING AGAINST IRON TRACKS!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! HOLD THE TRAIN! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU...!
OH, DAMN IT!
WHAT DID HE MEAN, JENNINGS ISN'T AN OUTLAW? HOW COULD HE KNOW THAT, UNLESS--!
YOU!
THIS IS AS FAR AS MY TICKET TOOK ME!
YOU'RE AL JENNINGS, AREN'T YOU?
DOCTOR JENNINGS, ACTUALLY! AND YOU, I PRESUME, ARE ONE OF PINKERTON'S HIRED KILLERS!
NO, I'M NOT! AND FROM WHAT I'VE JUST SEEN, I'D SERIOUSLY CONSIDER HELPING ANYONE GET AWAY FROM PINKERTON'S BUTCHER'S!
YOU'RE A DOCTOR, YOU SAY!? BUT... THOSE OUTLAWS...! THEY WERE YOUR GANG!
THEY WERE IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING!
I HIRED THEM TO CREATE A DIVERSION SO I COULD SNEAK INTO THE MAIL CAR...
...AND HIJACK THIS RARE BUT RAW DICARNATHAN COMPOUND!

PINKERTON UPSET MY PLANS. BUT I WAS STILL ABLE TO LIFT THE CHEMICAL DURING THEIR INFAMOUS PICTURE-TAKING CEREMONY!
YOU MEAN YOU SACRIFICED THE LIVES OF FOUR MEN... FOR THAT?
AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, I'VE NEVER KILLED NOR CAUSED THE DEATH OF ANY MAN! PINKERTON'S BLOODSPOILERS SACRIFICED THOSE MEN. NOT I.!

BUT, DOCTOR JENNINGS... WHY!? WHY DO YOU NEED DICARNATHAN SO BADLY?
GOOD HEAVENS! WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
PLEASE, DOCTOR... DON'T GO IN THERE! IT... IT'S--!

IT'S SOME KIND OF MACHINE... LADEN WITH MECHANICAL CONTRIVANCES!
IT'S YOURS, ISN'T IT!?

JUST WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, MISTER? WHAT ARE YOU? AND IF YOU'RE NOT ONE OF PINKERTON'S RAILROAD AGENTS, WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?
DOCTOR... TRUST ME! THERE'S AN EXPLANATION FOR EVERYTHING!
BUT EVEN IF I TOLD YOU... IT'S SO INCREDIBLE THAT YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I BELIEVE, STRANGER! I BELIEVE THAT PINKERTON SENT YOU TO STOP MY WORK!
WELL SIR, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING ANYONE TO KEEP ME FROM WHAT I MUST DO!

LEAST OF ALL, SOME BLOOD-HUNGRY MERCENARY!
SO LONG, "FRIEND!" THOUSANDS OF LIVES DEPEND ON MY FREEDOM AND THIS DRUG!
BAM!
WHAM!

THE DOCTOR'S LIGHTNING FAST GUNS SEND A BARRAGE OF WELL-PLACED BULLETS RIPPING THROUGH THE MAN OF ALL TIME! AGAIN AND AGAIN THE BULLETS HIT THEIR MARK ...FORCING RESTIN DANE BACK... BACK UNTIL HE COLLIDES WITH HIS OWN MACHINE!
KAK!
WHEE!
BDAM!
KADAM!
BLAM!
WIKOW!
BAM!
CHOW!

I'M SORRY, STRANGER! MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!

AND, AS THE MASTER OF TIME WITHERS UNDER A HOT PRAIRIE SUN... ANOTHER MAN, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, IN THE TROPICAL ISLAND COUNTRY OF HAITI, FACES MADNESS, PLAGUE AND DEATH IN THE BLOODY PURGE OF WHITE SKINNED MEN BY HAITIAN NATIVES!
DOCTOR WILLIAM SIDNEY PORTER KNOWS THAT HE MAY NOT LIVE TO SEE THE LIGHT OF A NEW DAY!
S-SAVE ME! OH, DEAR GOD... PLEASE SAVE ME!
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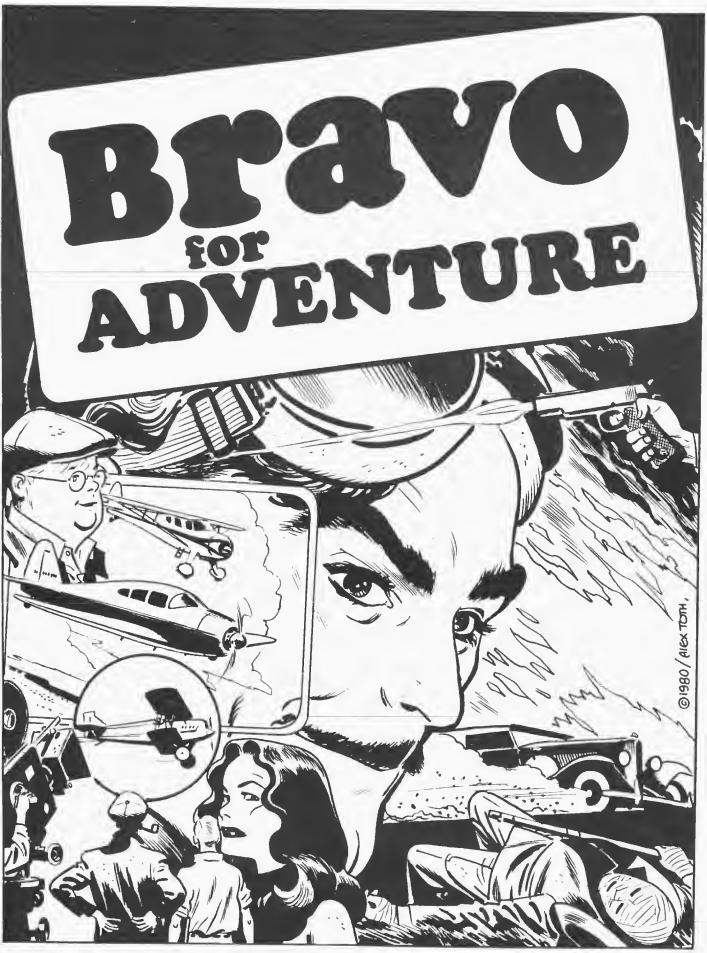

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HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO DAN AND VIVI POWELL AS A LIAR, CHEAT AND A FRAUD, BY NICO KARDOS, **BO PANICS!**

HIS PLANS UPSET, AND SEEKING SALVATION IN ESCAPE, HE LASHES OUT, FIRST AT JESSE, PISTOL-WHIPPING HIM AS HE TRIES TO STOP BO — AND THEN TURNS TO THREATEN THE ARMED **NICO!**

GET OUT OF MY WAY!

MOVE, NICO!

OR...!

LET GO, JESSE!!

KRAK!

KAPOW!

RIFLE AND PISTOL FIRE AT ONCE! AND BOTH WEAPONS FIND THEIR MARK!

OH, DADDY! BO'S GONE MAD! I MUST GO TO HIM — IT'S ALL MY FAULT! LET ME GO—!

NO, HONEY!—IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE BO! HE'S GOT TO DO THAT HIMSELF! HE'S MADE HIS OWN CHOICE AS TO HOW HE'LL DO IT, TOO!

STOP! OR WE'LL FIRE!!

VRRRGOOM

HE'S BACKING UP AND GETTING AWAY!!

NO, JESSE!

I'LL SHOOT!

SHOOT, THEN! DAMN YOU!!

LET GO!

WE'LL CRASH!

THEN STOP THE CAR!!

JESSE! NO!!
UNABLE TO GET A CLEAR SHOT AT BO WITH JESSE IN THE WAY ON THE CAR'S RUNNING BOARD, THE TWO OFFICERS WITHHOLD THEIR FIRE AND OPT TO GIVE CHASE IN THEIR PATROL CAR!
STEP ON IT, PETE!
I'VE GOT MY FOOT THROUGH THE FLOOR, JOE!!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
WUMP! BUMP!
THE SHOOTING AND SIRENS HAVE AROUSED THE ENTIRE FIELD ...
DAN! WHAT'S WRONG?
TROUBLE?
IS MISS VIVI OKAY?
WAS THAT SHOOTING WE HEARD BEFORE?
SURE ENOUGH! THERE'S SOMEONE OVER THERE ON THE GROUND!
HE'S BEEN SHOT! BY BO BANNON! RUSH HIM OVER TO OUR CLINIC! HURRY, BOYS!!!
IN THE HANGARS ACROSS THE FIELD WHERE BUMPER IS READYING THE VINTAGE PLANES TO BE STUNT-TESTED IN THE MORNING, HE AND HIS CREW TURN TO THE SOUND OF A POLICE SIREN AND THE SIGHT OF TWO CARS' LIGHTS LEAPING OUT OF THE NIGHT —— !
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT ALL ABOUT?
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT REAL SOON, BOYS—

60..65..70 MILES PER HOUR! THE OFFICERS CLOSE ON THE SWERVING COUPÉ AHEAD WHEN, SUDDENLY, THEY SEE JESSE THROWN CLEAR AND TUMBLE TO THE GROUND!
STOP FOR HIM, PETE! AND CHECK HIM OUT!!
RIGHT!
AHHH-!!
BRAVO! ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH?!
OHHH... THINK SO!
NEVER
MIND ME!
STOP BO!
HE MEANS TO
FLY OUT
OF HERE..
HE'S OUT COLD, JOE!
WE'LL COME BACK FOR HIM AFTER WE GET BANNON! GET MOVING!!
UHNN...
BO! HI!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY THE BIG HURRY?
ANY NEWS ABOUT MISS POWELL AND GUS, YET?
THEY'RE OKAY! IS THAT CRATE GASSED UP, BUMPER?
YEAH! WHY?
NEVER MIND WHY, BUMPER! PULL THE CHOCKS AND WIND THE PROP FOR ME! I'M TAKING IT UP! NOW! HURRY!!
SKRRREEEEEEEEEECHHH

ARE YOU CRAZY?!
AT NIGHT?!
YOU CAN'T!!
GET OUTTA THERE, BO!
I'M GOING UP! NOW GET TO WORK, YOU THREE...
EEEEEEEE
... OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEADS OFF, I PROMISE YOU! THOSE COPS ARE COMING FOR ME — SO I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE! NOW — DO IT!!!
SORRY, BUMPER, BUT I'VE RUN OUT OF CHANCES!
OKAY, BO! FOR WHATEVER GOOD IT WILL DO YOU —! YOU HEARD HIM, BOYS! PROP HIM!
WHILE, CLOSING FAST, THE HIGHWAY PATROL CAR ROARS TOWARD BUMPER'S HANGAR...
EEEEEEEE
BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO BE TOO LATE FOR ANYONE, EVEN THE POLICE, TO HALT BO'S ESCAPE NOW! GUNNING THE PLANE'S ENGINE TO FULL POWER, HE ROLLS OFF INTO THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT — READYING FOR TAKEOFF!

HEY!
WHERE'S BANNON — THE BIG GUY WHO JUST DROVE UP HERE IN THAT COUPÉ ?!
THAT'S HIM — OUT THERE, ABOUT TO TAKE OFF! WHAT THE HELL HAS HE DONE, ANYWAY ?!
NOTHING GOOD! TELL YOU LATER!
LET'S GET HIM, PETE!
?
I JUST DON'T GET IT!
HOPE JESSE'S OKAY!
OUT ON THE FIELD .. JESSE RISES, TO SEE BO'S PLANE PICK UP SPEED...
BO, YOU DAMNED FOOL — YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
UHNNNN.. MY ARM!
APPROACHING JESSE AND THE HANGAR, COME THE CONCERNED MEMBERS OF DAN POWELL'S MOVIE CREW.. INCLUDING HIM AND VIVI ...
VIVI, NO! PLEASE.!! HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH? PLEASE COME BACK-!!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IF IT WASN'T FOR ME BO-JESSE- I MUST!
LET ME GO, DADDY!!

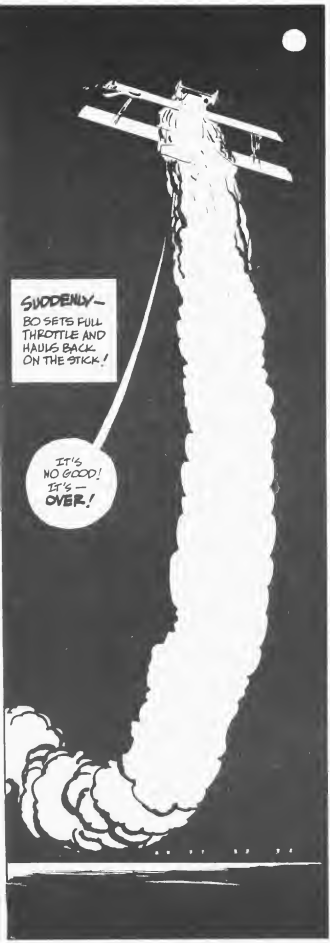
OUT ON THE FIELD...
POW!
?!!
WOK!
!
POW
KAPOW
POW
KLIK
KLIK!
EMPTY! DAMN! GOT TO RELOAD!!
TOO LATE, JOE!
HE'S OFF!!
HELL, I THOUGHT SO! ENGINE, MAYBE —!?
DID YOU SCORE ANY HITS?

BUT THERE HE GOES, ANYWAY—!
WE'VE GOT TO RADIO OLANCHA TO SEND OUT AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN, PETE!
RIGHT!
WELL, HE DID IT! HEY! LISTEN! DO YOU HEAR THAT?!
YEAH, BUMPER! IT'S—!
HIS ENGINE!!
KOFF
PING
RRRUPPING
IT'S MISSING!!
TRANSFIXED, UNABLE TO TAKE HIS EYES AWAY FROM BO'S ESCAPING PLANE, IS JESSE!
OHH, THANK GOD! THERE'S JESSE!!
STOP!
STOP!!
JESSE!!
BRAVO! ARE YOU OKAY?

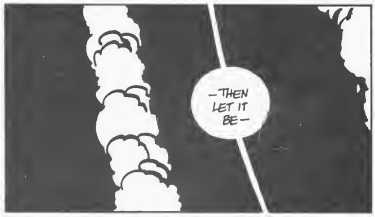
OH, JESSE! LOOK AT ME! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HMM? WHAT?!
VIVI—! SHOULDN'T BE HERE TO SEE THIS, VIVI!
BO'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
I KNOW!
ABOVE...!
PING KOFF KOFF
COME ON, YOU TIRED OLD MUD HEN— LET'S BLOW ALL THE CARBON OUT AND CLIMB!!
SUDDENLY...
BRRRUPPP PINNNNGG RRROO:
KABAM BAM B

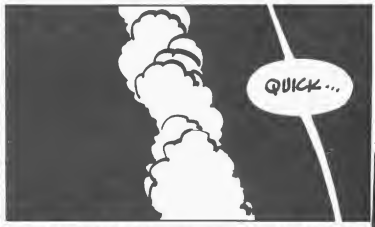
SMOKE! FLAME!!
BURSTS FROM THE BULLET-RIDDLED ENGINE'S EXHAUSTS!
BO DESPERATELY BANKS THE SHIP INTO A SERIES OF YAWING AND SIDESLIPPING ATTITUDES TO DIVERT FIRE AND SMOKE FROM HIS COCKPIT... AND, IN SO DOING, LEAVES HIS PATH OF ESCAPE!!
OH!
JESSE! HE'S ON FIRE!!
GOOD LORD!
OH!
SEE!
WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?
WOW!
HE'S COME AROUND! LOST ALTITUDE!
OMING THIS WAY!
HE'S A ROMAN CANDLE!
KEEP ALL HEADLIGHTS TURNED ON, BOYS! AND LET'S KEEP CLEAR OF THEIR BEAMS!
BO'S TRYING TO LAND!!

KOFF KOFF!
GOT A CHANCE IF I SPOT-LAND IN THOSE CAR LIGHTS!
POOM
BRRAPP
POWWRROOMMM
PAM
BO SIDESLIPS DOWN THROUGH INKY BLACK SPACE — ANGLING HIS BURNING PLANE AT THE OASIS OF LIGHT BELOW!
AND IF I CAN SEE THROUGH ALL THIS SMOKE!! KOFF!!
WUMP!
LIFT THAT WING, BO-!!
BLINDED AND CHOKED BY SEARING SMOKE AND FLAME, BO FIGHTS TO RIGHT THE SHIP AS HIS LEFT WINGTIP GRAZES THE GROUND AND TEARS AT HIS AILERON ...!
KRRRYUMMPP BRRIIPP!!


SUDDENLY—
BO SETS FULL THROTTLE AND HAULS BACK ON THE STICK!
IT'S NO GOOD! IT'S — OVER!

AND IF IT HAS TO BE OVER —


—THEN LET IT BE—


QUICK...

KABOOM!

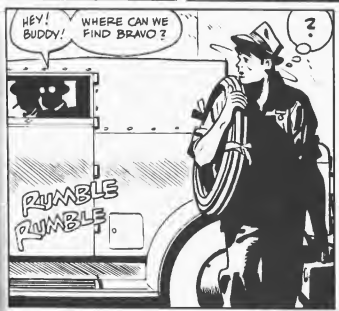
OHHH, GOD!
BO!
OH, JESSE! HE-HE'S OOOHHH...
VIVI!
FAINTED! SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT! TOO MUCH! SLEEP IS WHAT SHE NEEDS NOW, DAN! LET'S GO BACK!
ALL IS QUIET ON THE FIELD NOW, AS THE FIRST LIGHT OF A NEW DAY SUCCEEDS NIGHT'S DARKNESS ... AND THE SHOCK OF YESTERDAY! BUT NOT ALL ARE YET ASLEEP ...
SNIP!
SNIP!
SNIP!
SNIP!
DESPITE THEIR ALL NIGHT DRIVE NORTH TO LONE PINE TO SEEK OUT JESSE BRAVO WHO, SOMEHOW, SEEMS TO BE LINKED TO THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THEIR BOSS, NICO KARDOS; SLEEP IS OF THE LEAST CONCERN TO MAX AND PATSY... ARMED, ANGRY AND DANGEROUS!

THE NEXT MORNING: FOLLOWING BO'S FIERY DEATH... IN THE HOLLYWOOD STUDIO OFFICES OF ORION PICTURES' PRESIDENT, MR. T.J. O'RYAN...!
WHAT?!!?
BO?! DEAD?!
AND HE USED A STUNT PLANE TO DO IT, T.J! I'VE GOT NO ONE IN MIND FOR BO'S JOB — WE'RE ALL TOO UPSET TO THINK OF THAT! BUT CAN YOU LOCATE ANOTHER PLANE FOR JESSE'S PILOTS AND FLY IT UP HERE, TODAY, SO THEY CAN PRACTICE THEIR STUNTWORK THROUGH THE WEEKEND? WE START SHOOTING ON MONDAY!
YES, YES! I WILL, DAN! STRAIGHT AWAY!!
HIGH ABOVE THE FIELD, JESSE BRAVO DIRECTS HIS STUNT PILOTS BY GROUND-TO-AIR RADIO AS THEY CHECK OUT THE THREE REMAINING PLANES...
...AND PRACTICE THEIR ASSIGNED STUNTS! AFTER WHICH THEY COME IN FOR A LANDING...!
BIT HEAVY ON THE STICK, BUT SHE'LL DO ALL RIGHT, JESSE!
MY OLD BIRD WILL TAKE THE STRAIN OKAY!
DITTO! NO PROBLEMS, JESSE —!
FINE! WHILE BUMPER TOPS OFF THE TANKS, LET'S DO THE SAME WITH SOME OF THAT CRANKCASE OIL THE FIELD DINER CALLS COFFEE, BOYS!
AT DAN POWELL'S CABIN...!
VIVI! VIVI?!
NOK NOK

I HAVE A NICE POT OF FRESH COFFEE HERE FOR YOU—!
?

VIVI?
SH-SHE'S NOT HERE!
!!?

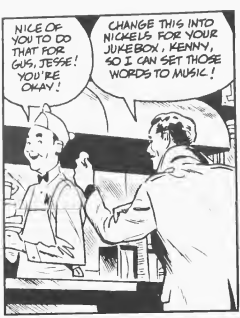
WHILE NEARBY: MAX AND PATSY DRIVE ONTO AND ACROSS THE AIRFIELD ON THEIR QUEST... TO FIND JESSE BRAVO; THEIR ONLY LINK TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR BOSS, NICO KARDOS...!


HEY! BUDDY!
WHERE CAN WE FIND BRAVO?
?
RUMBLE RUMBLE

DINER
WELL, HE—!
WAIT! THERE HE IS NOW! THE TALL MOUSTACHED GUY JUST GOING INTO THE DINER WITH HIS PILOTS!—
THANKS, BUD!
RUMBLE RUMBLE

LET'S GO IN THERE AND NAIL HIM!
NOT WITH A CROWD AROUND HIM, YOU SAP! WE'LL SIT—AND WE'LL WAIT!!

INSIDE...! UNTIL YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY COMPENSATES YOU FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR PLANE, GUS, WHY NOT FLY MY SHIP BACK TO L.A. AND USE IT FOR YOUR CHARTER WORK? I WON'T NEED IT FOR A FEW WEEKS — UNTIL WE'RE THROUGH WITH THIS PICTURE — AND YOU CAN COME UP AND FLY US ALL HOME THEN—!
GO ON! HAVE BUMPER GAS HER UP FOR YOU AND GET OUT OF HERE!
BESIDES, IT'S AN ACT OF MERCY! I DON'T THINK YOU'D SURVIVE SUCH A LONG BUS RIDE! POOR FELLA!
YOU'RE A PAL, JESSE! THANKS!


NICE OF YOU TO DO THAT FOR GUS, JESSE! YOU'RE OKAY!
CHANGE THIS INTO NICKELS FOR YOUR JUKEBOX, KENNY, SO I CAN SET THOSE WORDS TO MUSIC!

OH... AND WHILE I'M AT IT, HOW ABOUT ANOTHER REFILL OF YOUR AWFUL COFFEE FOR THE FELLAS AND ME, EH?
IF YOU THOUGHT THE LAST CUP WAS BAD — HAHAHA!

CIRIBIRIBIN
XAVIER CUGAT
DEEP PURPLE
RUSS COLOMBO

!?
WHEN THE DEEP PURPLE FALLS...
OVER SLEEPY GARDEN WALLS...
AND THE SUN BEGINS TO SETTLE
IN THE SKY...

!

VIVI ?!
SIT DOWN, JESSE — PLEASE?
YOUR HAIR! WHY?!

THE RESULT OF AN ENDLESS, SLEEPLESS NIGHT AFTER BO'S DEATH, I GUESS...
... CLOSING A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE! I THOUGHT I'D GO CRAZY IN MY ROOM!
PEOPLE DO ODD THINGS IN MOMENTS OF GRIEF, JESSE —
— ACTS OF REBELLION AND OUTRAGE AGAINST ALL THE FORCES IN OUR LIVES UPON WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL!
— AS FOR ME, I MIGHT HAVE CUT MY WRISTS, INSTEAD OF MY HAIR!
VIVI —
TALK, OR CRY, AWAY ALL THE HURT, VIVI — GET RID OF IT, NOW!
YOU HAVE ALL THE REST OF A GOOD LIFE TO LIVE!
TH-THANK YOU, JESSE!
PARDON, JESSE, THE FELLAS LEFT AND SAID THEY'LL SEE YOU LATER! MORE COFFEE?
THANKS, KENNY!
NOW, MAX!
TAILSPIN DINER
TAILSPIN DINER
BRAVO'S SITTING WITH SOMEONE, MAX! NO ONE ELSE IN THERE, THOUGH!
LET'S GET HIM, PATSY!
STAYING ON HERE CAN ONLY STIR UP MORE MEMORIES — OF BO — AND LAST NIGHT —
SO WHY NOT LEAVE, VIVI?
YOU COULD BE WINGING YOUR WAY HOME TO HOLLYWOO —!? WHAT TH —!?
ARE YOU BRAVO?

CENTRAL CASTING REALLY SPUN OUT IF THEY SENT YOU TWO UP HERE AS DRESS EXTRAS FOR OUR MOVIE!
NEVER MIND ALL THAT JAZZ, PAL! JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!
ARE YOU BRAVO?!
THAT WOULD DEPEND ON WHO'S ASKING, AND WHY, CHUM—!
WHY YOU-
OOF!
UH-UH! MUSTN'T TOUCH!
EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT, VIVI—
HEY!
UHK?
BAP!
NOW FOR YOU, CHUM—
!
NO MORE, BRAVO!!
SIT DOWN!
OKAY!
LET'S TRY IT AGAIN!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR NICO KARDOS! WHERE IS HE?
NICO'S HAD A ROUGH NIGHT! A CAR ACCIDENT KILLED THREE OF HIS MEN! THEN HE WAS SHOT, IN A FRACAS, HERE, LAST NIGHT — BUT HE'S OKAY! HOW DO I KNOW THAT YOU TWO AREN'T HERE TO FINISH THE JOB?
THE BOYS, DEAD? YOU GOT US ALL WRONG! NICO'S OUR BOSS, WE WORK ON HIS GAMBLING SHIP! NOW, WHERE IS HE?

IN OUR FIELD CLINIC!
THE STATE TROOPERS HAD NO WARRANTS ON HIM, SO THEY LEFT HIM HERE! IF THE DOCTOR SAYS HE CAN TRAVEL, HE'S ALL YOURS! THE SOONER YOU AND YOUR GOON LEAVE HERE, THE BETTER! ADIOS!
UHNNNN! HUH? OHHHH!
NOT SO FAST, BRAVO! YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE US TO NICO — ! COME ON — GET UP! YOU, TOO, PATSY — PAT'SY!!
OKAY, MAX-
IF YOU'RE LEVELING WITH ME AND NICO'S OKAY, I'LL LET YOU LIVE! BUT IF HE'S NOT, YOU WON'T SIP ANY MORE COFFEE WITH THE LADY TODAY! GET IT?
SURE!
BUT YOU GET THIS! THE LADY STAYS HERE-!!
JESSE! NO!!
IF SHE'LL KEEP HER TRAP SHUT ABOUT US, OKAY!
HA! TOUGH GUY!
JUST SIT STILL AND BE QUIET, TOOTS! TA, TA!
LEAD THE WAY, BRAVO — AND NO TRICKS!
I WISH HE WOULD TRY SOMETHING —!! GO ON, HERO!!
I'M JUST ITCHING TO PLUG YOU!
CAN IT, PATSY!
YOU MAY GET YOUR CHANCE... IF!

SWISHHHH
SWISHHHHHHH
K-BONK
BONK
K-KRRAASHH
KRAK TINKLE
PINKLE PING
?!
WHAT TH-?!
!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT—
HA
WELL, NOW— WHAT DID YOU EXPECT ME TO DO, YOU BIG BABOON?!—
—JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH THOSE TWO HOODLUMS MARCH YOU AWAY TO THE FIRING SQUAD?!!
HAHA
HAHAHA
PLINKLE
TINKLE! PLIP!
BESIDES—I ABSOLUTELY DETEST ANY MAN WHO TELLS ME TO SHUT UP, OR CALLS ME TOOTS!!
AHA
OOOOOH! YUKKK! MESSY!
HAH

HAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HA
THAT'S MORE LIKE THE OLD VIVI POWELL I REMEMBER! ALL FIRE AND BRIMSTONE! HAHAHA!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN.. OLD ..?!! YOU HYENA!

SILLY FLYER! ALMOST SHOT ONE MINUTE — LAUGHING YOURSELF TO TEARS THE NEXT!

BUT YOUR LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE, INDEED, FOR ME, JESSE — TH-THANK YOU!

WELL NOW, PATIENT! DOC BRAVO HEREBY PRESCRIBES AS MANY MORE DOSES OF THAT TONIC AS YOU CAN SWALLOW —!
OKAY, NO MORE TEARS! JUST LAUGHS — AND, MAYBE JUST A BIT OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, AS NEEDED!

HEY, WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON OUT HERE! HEARD THE RACKET ALL THE WAY OUT IN THE PANTRY!!
POST TOASTIES
ONE DOZEN BOXES 12

HOLY COW!! THEY'RE N-NOT.. JESSE — YOU D-DIDN'T—
NO! BUT YOU MISSED VIVI'S WATER PITCHER TRICK, DIDN'T YOU, KENNY?
WORKED THE FIRST TRY, TOO!

ENOUGH FRIVOLITY — BACK TO WORK! IF YOU TWO WOULD HOLD THE DOORS OPEN FOR ME...
JESSE — WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THEM —??!!

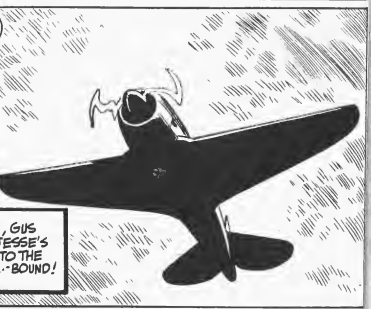
TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, IF YOU'LL ALLOW THE PUN IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS; BY TAKING THEM TO THE FIELD CLINIC AND NICO KARDOS, THUSLY FULFILLING THEIR DESIRES — BUT THEY NEED A BIT OF MEDICAL AID THEMSELVES, SO, WE'RE OFF! WANT TO COME ALONG, VIVI?
HMM!
THE TRUTH OF IT IS THAT I WOULDN'T MISS WITNESSING NICO'S REACTION TO THE NEWS OF WHO POLE-AXED HIS TWO PRIZE GORILLAS, AND HOW, FOR ANYTHING! BEWARE THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES... HAHAHA —!
WOW! LOOK AT THAT JAZZY WAGON OF THEIRS! SURE BEATS WALKING!
FIRST — WE OUGHT TO DISPLAY YOUR TROPHIES WITH PROPER ELAN FOR THE TRIP!
IN YOUR OWN PECULIAR WAY, YOU'RE REALLY QUITE MAD, JESSE!
NEARBY, A CONCERNED DAN POWELL SEARCHES FOR VIVI!
POOR KID!
IN HER STATE OF MIND SHE'S LIABLE TO DO ANYTHING!!
HEY, TOM — PIPE THAT RITZY CAR!
HAHA! AND LOOK WHAT ITS GOT ON THE — HA HAHA!
HI — DADDY!
HMM? VIVI?!

?!
NO!! IT CAN'T BE!?
?
!
LATER, AT THE CLINIC!
NOW WHAT, BRAVO ?
NOW WE VISIT NICO!
THANKS, DOC!
SURE!
DOC SAYS I CAN LEAVE – SO MAX AND PATSY WILL DRIVE ME HOME – AFTER I TELL YOU, MISS POWELL, AND YOU, BRAVO, HOW SORRY I AM FOR THE WAY THINGS WORKED OUT LAST NIGHT! WE ALL PAID OUR DUES IN THE END, HUH?
BO, MOST OF ALL!
IT'S OVER! ADIOS, NICO! LET'S GO, VIVI!
KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON THESE TWO, NICO!

LATER!
WELL – THERE GOES NICO – BACK TO L.A.!
MMM!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
UMBLE
RUMBL

BUT, HOW ABOUT YOU, VIVI? ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO FLY HOME WITH GUS? LAST CHANCE!
A FATE UNWORTHY OF SO NICE A FELLOW AS ME –! HOWEVER, IF YOU BEHAVE –
OH, POO! AND LEAVE MY NEWLY-ADOPTED MENTOR? HMM. I SHOULD SAY NOT, JESSE! YOU'RE STUCK WITH ME, WARTS AND ALL!

VIVI!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I- YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR HAIR! THAT COUPE! WAS THAT YOU? I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK, OR WHERE TO FIND YOU! I!
CALM DOWN, DADDY! I'M FINE, NOW! I'LL TELL YOU ALL OF IT, LATER!


ABOVE, GUS LIFTS JESSE'S SHIP INTO THE AIR, L.A.-BOUND!

GOSH, YOU LOOK LIKE A NEW PERSON, VIVI! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU FEELING BETTER!
I WAS SO WORRIED!
I KNOW, DADDY!
?!
JESSE!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE UP A STUNT SHIP AND RUN THROUGH SOME ROUTINES, TODAY? WE'RE READY!

THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR, AFTER ALL!
LEAD THE WAY, BUMPER, OLD SON!
IS NUMBER ONE HANGAR CLEARED?
INSIDE AND OUT, JESSE, WITH GUARDS POSTED!
GOOD!
DON'T DO ANYTHING SILLY UP THERE, YOU WILD MAN!
AHH, THE BANE OF ALL STUNT PILOTS — THE CONCERN OF A GOOD WOMAN!
HAPPY LANDINGS, JESSE!
CONTACT!
AFTER TAKE-OFF, A FAST CLIMB — TO 3,000 FEET — FOR A FEW CHANDELLES AND SNAPROLLS TO GET THE FEEL OF THE SHIP'S CONTROLS, AND THEN —
BUMPER, WHY DID JESSE WANT A HANGAR CLEARED?
YOU'LL SEE, MISS VIVI! IT'S A STUNT THAT'S NEW TO MOVIES!
AND ONLY JESSE COULD DO IT — WITH A TWIST ALL HIS OWN!
HERE HE COMES, BOYS!
FULL BORE!
WHAT NOW?
DOWN, DOWN, DOWN! — AND THEN...
OH, NO!
HE'S COMING RIGHT AT US! OHHHH!
RRRRRRR
WVVRRRROOOMMMMMMM
HE DID IT!!
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE, TOO!!
BRAVO! HE'S THE BEST!!
YAHOO!
RRRRRRR
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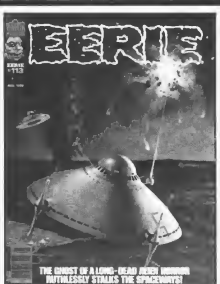

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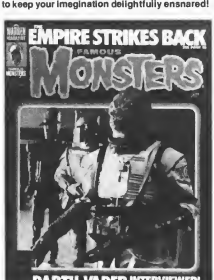

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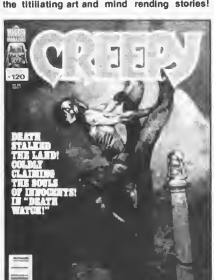

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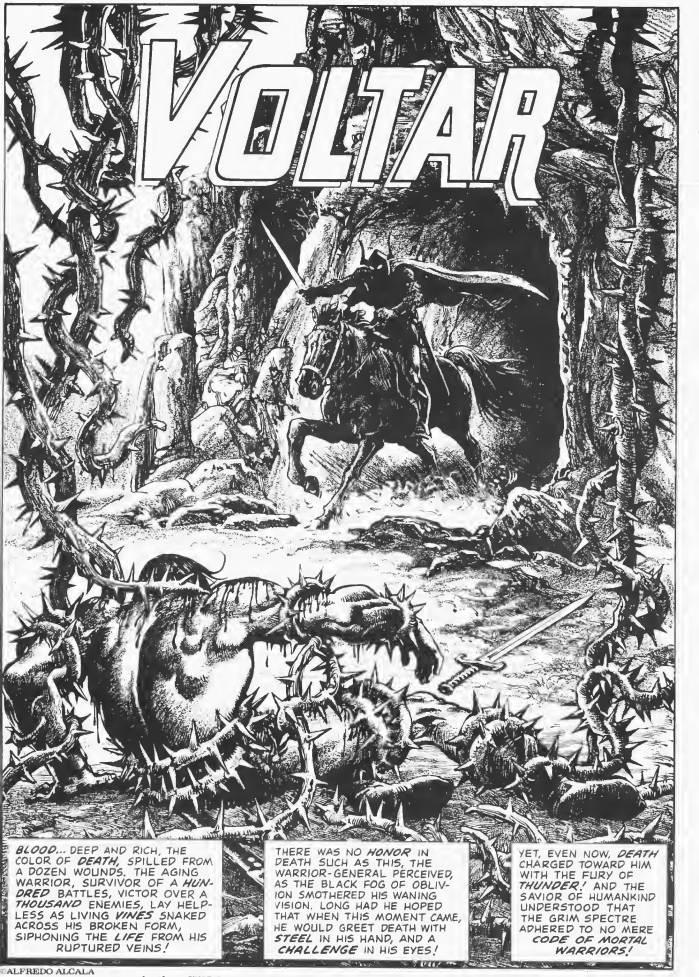

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YET, WAS *THIS* TRULY THE DREAD SPECTRE *DEATH* THRASHING VAINLY AT THE FOREST OF LIVING VINE... *FREEING* THE BLOODIED WARRIOR-GENERAL? *FIGHTING* WITH THE FIERCENESS OF A DEMON... TO SAVE *VOLTAR?*

BY... THE... GODS... IT... IS... A... *WARRIOR!*

YOUR *ARRIVAL* COULD NOT HAVE BEEN STAGED WITH BETTER *TIMING,* FRIEND!

VOLTAR OWES YOU A *LIFE!*

LIVE TO REPAY THE DEBT, GENERAL! *FLEE* WITH ME TO THE CAVERNS OF THE *NETHERPASS!*

IT IS *FOLLY* TO BATTLE ASSASSINS WHO WILL NOT *DIE!*

THE DEMON STEED SPRANG THROUGH THE CAVERN'S MAW! THE QUIET, NUMBING SAFETY OF DARKNESS SETTLED UPON THE VINE-SLAYERS!
HOW IS IT YOU KNOW OF THE NETHERPASS WARRIOR?
BETTER... HOW IS IT THAT ANY MAN HAS LIVED TO RIDE ALONE WHEN THE DEMON-HORDES OF THE NETHER-REALM HAVE LAIN OUR EARTH TO WASTE?

LOOK UPON ME, GENERAL, AND ANSWER YOUR OWN QUERIES!
DO I APPEAR A MERE WARRIOR FROM THE MORTAL SIDE OF THE NETHERPASS?

FORGIVE ME! HAD MY BRAIN NOT BEEN BEFUDDLED BY THE SIGHT OF MY OWN BLOOD, I WOULD HAVE SEEN SOONER!
YOUR TIMELY RESCUE WAS NOT HAPPENSTANCE. AND YOU CALL ME GENERAL! YOU WERE WAITING FOR VOLTAR!

YOU HAVE LIVED TOO LONG TO BE LABLED A FOOL, GENERAL! YOU KNOW WHY I COULD NEVER ALLOW THE VINES TO CLAIM YOU!
A WARRIOR SHOULD DIE AS HE HAS LIVED, BY THE BLADE! YOUR CONCERN FOR VOLTAR'S DEATH MOVES ME!

HONED STEEL SANG AND THE WARRIORS TENSED FOR THE INEVITABLE. YET OTHER NOISES, FAR MORE SINISTER, CREPT FROM THE EERIE DARKNESS!
PERHAPS A BLADE IS IN NEITHER OF OUR DESTINIES, WARLORD!

THE LIVID STENCH OF *DISEASE* AND THINGS LONG *DEAD*, WAFTED THROUGH THE STYGIAN CAVERN, PUMMELING THE SENSES OF THE CONSUMMATE WARRIORS. THE EARTH *TREMBLED* AS THOUGH TRODDEN BY AN ANGRY *GOD!*
THEN, THE *GOD* ITSELF APPEARED...LORD SUPREME OF THE DARKNESS, *FORKED TONGUE* GUIDING WHERE *EYES*, SIGHTLESS FROM DECADES OF DWELLING IN DARKNESS, COULD *NOT!*
FLEE, WARLORD! IT IS A *VIPER* FROM *HELL!*

WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF DEATH, THE HELLSPAWN WAS UPON DARK RIDER, PINNING THE WARRIOR BENEATH ITS THICK, SCALY HIDE, CRUSHING THE LIFE FROM HIS HAPLESS EBON STEED... AS THE SERPENT-GOD PROBED THE AIR FOR THE SECOND HUMAN IT SENSED INTRUDING UPON ITS KINGDOM!
AIEEEE! A... A LIFE, GENERAL! Y-YOU OWE...A DEBT!
THE NETHER-WARLORD IS PINNED!

WE ARE ENEMIES! YET, WE ARE WARRIORS!
AND, AS HE SAYS, VOLTAR OWES HIM A LIFE!

THE DEMON-THING DID NOT HAVE TO SEARCH FOR GENERAL VOLTAR! THE WARRIOR WAS UPON IT INSTANTLY, THRUSTING SAVAGELY, FURIOUSLY!
DIE, HELLSPAWN!

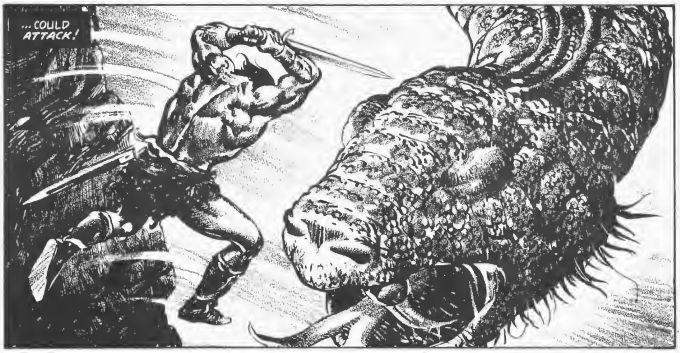
AS IT HAD SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, THE WARRIOR-GENERAL'S BLADE SUNG OF DEATH, RIPPING DEEP INTO THE CAVERN-GOD'S BREAST, SLASHING MEAT AND ORGANS LOOSING A STREAM OF MILKY BLACK FLUIDS!
V-VOLTAR!
YET, THE CREATURE WOULD NOT DIE!

THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO SAVE THE DARK WARRIOR!
COME, SERPENT! I AM HERE!
ENRAGED BY ITS PAIN, THE NIGHTMARE BEAST WHIRLED UPON ITS TORMENTOR, FEELING HIS WARMTH WITH ITS FESTERING, SLIME-ENCRUSTED TONGUE!

AND AS IT SLITHERED TOWARD VOLTAR, THE BROKEN FORM OF THE DARKSOME WARRIOR WAS FREED!
FREE TO OBSERVE HIS TWISTED CRUSHED APPENDAGE...
...FREE TO WRITHE AND SCREAM IN TORMENT!

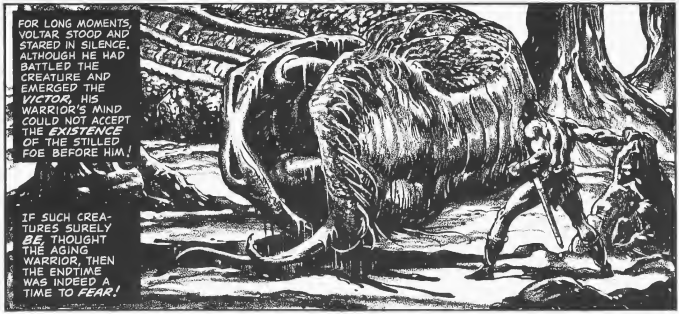
HERE, CAVERN GOD! VOLTAR AWAITS YOU!

THE SERPENT'S BREATH REEKED OF THINGS ANCIENT, DECAYED... AND DEAD! ITS POISON-GLISTENED FANGS CLASHED LIKE STEEL, AGAIN AND AGAIN UPON THE ROCKS BETWEEN WHICH VOLTAR WAITED!
BUT THE CREVICE WAS TOO NARROW. IT WAS THE PERFECT FORTRESS FROM WHICH A WARRIOR GENERAL...


...COULD ATTACK!

AIEEEEEEEE!
SLIKT!

THE DEMON SERPENT WRITHED IN AGONY, ITS MASSIVE BODY TWISTING, ARCHING, CONVULSING... VIOLENTLY... HELPLESSLY! AND THE AGING WARRIOR LEAPED FREE, LEAVING HIS KILLING SWORD DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THE REPTILE'S HEMORRHAGING BRAIN!


FOR LONG MOMENTS, VOLTAR STOOD AND STARED IN SILENCE, ALTHOUGH HE HAD BATTLED THE CREATURE AND EMERGED THE VICTOR, HIS WARRIOR'S MIND COULD NOT ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF THE STILLED FOE BEFORE HIM!
IF SUCH CREATURES SURELY BE, THOUGHT THE AGING WARRIOR, THEN THE ENDTIME WAS INDEED A TIME TO FEAR!

SLOWLY, THE BLOOD MISTS LIFTED FROM VOLTAR'S TORMENTED MIND! THEN, HE REMEMBERED. THERE WAS YET ANOTHER WITHIN THESE TREACHEROUS NETHER-PASSAGES. WHAT OF HIM?
WARLORD!

MY BLADE... EAGERLY... AWAITS YOU, GENERAL!
YES! YOUR EAGERNESS OVERWHELMS ME!

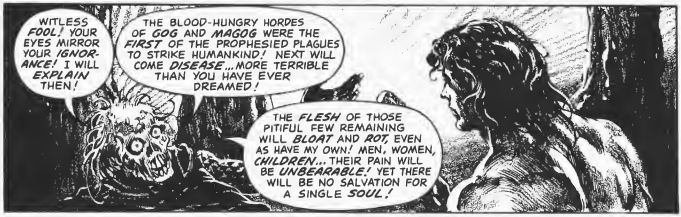
YOUR LEG, WARLORD!
DO NOT LET THE SIGHT OF MY BLOOD FRIGHTEN YOU FROM OUR SCHEDULED CONTEST!

BUT IT DOES, WARRIOR!
I FEAR THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

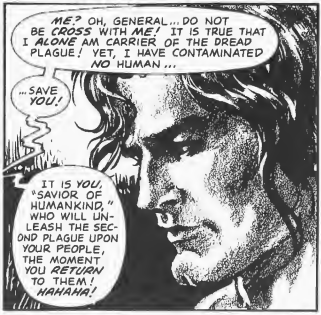
NOOOOOOO!

NOW I WILL SEE THE LIVING FACE OF HE WHO WAS SENT TO HUNT VOLTAR!
YOUR LUSTS ARE GREAT GENERAL...

...IF YOU DESIRE ONLY TO GAZE UPON THE PLAGUE WHICH WILL DESTROY YOUR WORLD!
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA!


WITLESS FOOL! YOUR EYES MIRROR YOUR IGNORANCE! I WILL EXPLAIN THEN!
THE BLOOD-HUNGRY HORDES OF GOG AND MAGOG WERE THE FIRST OF THE PROPHESIED PLAGUES TO STRIKE HUMANKIND! NEXT WILL COME DISEASE...MORE TERRIBLE THAN YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED!
THE FLESH OF THOSE PITIFUL FEW REMAINING WILL BLOAT AND ROT, EVEN AS HAVE MY OWN! MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN...THEIR PAIN WILL BE UNBEARABLE! YET THERE WILL BE NO SALVATION FOR A SINGLE SOUL!

ALL WILL DIE, VOLTAR! EVEN YOU! HAHAHAHA! THINK OF IT! FRAIL HUMANITY...FELLED BY A MERE TWO OF ITS SEVEN PROPHESIED SCOURGES!
BUTCHER! I SHOULD SLAY YOU WHERE YOU LIE!


ME? OH, GENERAL...DO NOT BE CROSS WITH ME! IT IS TRUE THAT I ALONE AM CARRIER OF THE DREAD PLAGUE! YET, I HAVE CONTAMINATED NO HUMAN...
...SAVE YOU!
IT IS YOU, "SAVIOR OF HUMANKIND," WHO WILL UNLEASH THE SECOND PLAGUE UPON YOUR PEOPLE, THE MOMENT YOU RETURN TO THEM! HAHAHA!

LAUGH ALL YOU WISH, TWISTED WARLORD! YOUR LIFETIME GROWS SHORTER WITH EACH HEARTBEAT!
HO, GENERAL! I QUAKE BEFORE YOUR TOWERING WRATH! DO YOUR WORST VOLTAR! RUN ME THROUGH! I, AT LEAST, SHALL DIE LIKE A WARRIOR...
...WHILE YOU ROT AS LIVING CARRION!

PERHAPS, WARLORD! I GIVE YOU THE LIFE I OWE AND YOUR BLADE... TO FACE THE REAPER WITH STEEL IN YOUR FIST!

BUT I SENSE THAT YOUR END WILL BE MORE LIKE THAT OF A SQUIRMING VERMIN... WRITHING IN THE GULLET OF THE MATE OF THIS GREAT "CAVERN GOD!"
M-MATE!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SEE FOR YOURSELF, OH BRAVE AND FEARLESS WARLORD!

NO DOUBT WE WILL MEET AGAIN... SOME WHERE IN HELL!
VOLTAR... NOOOO!
THE WARRIOR-GENERAL DID NOT LOOK BACK. HE CONTINUED UPON HIS QUEST, INTO THE STYGIAN DARKNESS. AND SOON... SO VERY SOON... THE SOUNDS OF TORMENT WERE NO MORE!

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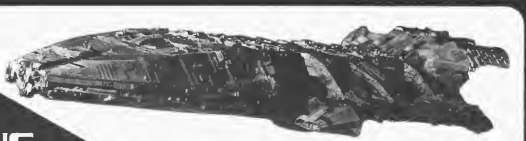

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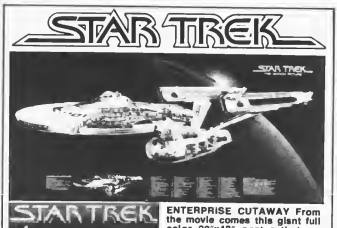

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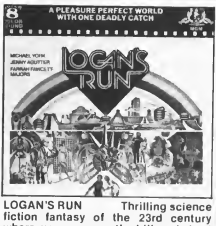

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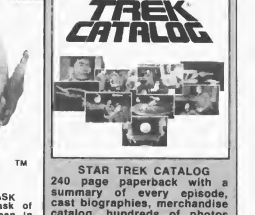

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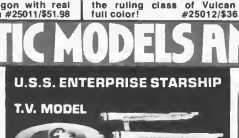

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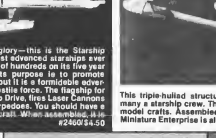

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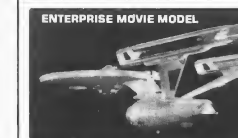

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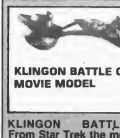

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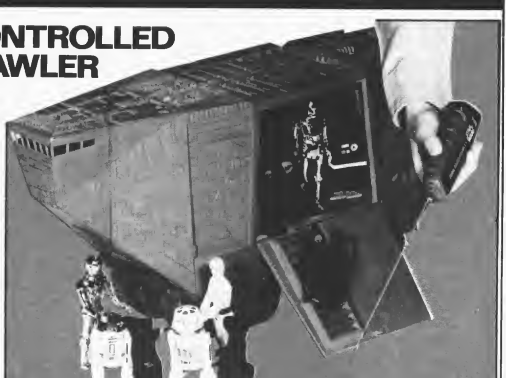

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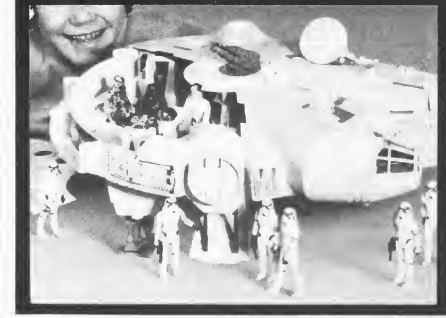

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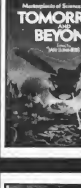

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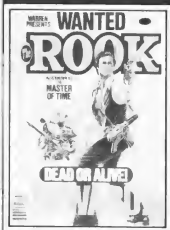

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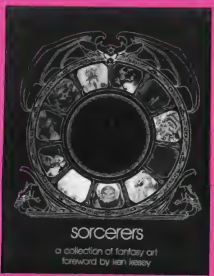

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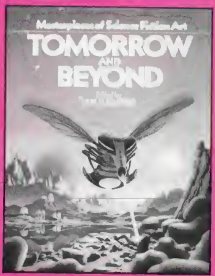

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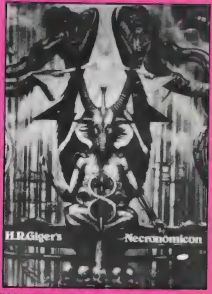

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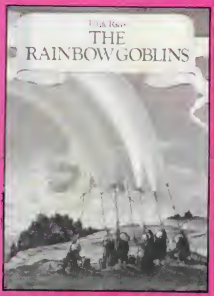

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